

EDUCATION SHOULD BE NATIONAL

Canada's education system should be centered at Ottawa in the interest of national unity rather than in the provincial capitals and educational grades, textbooks, buildings and teaching requirements should be standardized, according to consensus of opinion at last night's Citizens' Forum in the Civic Centre which discussed the topic "Education and National Unity."

However, the group agreed, the autonomy of the local school board should be maintained since local control would continue to be necessary.

The discussion also resulted in opinions that:

1. French and English language should be compulsory subjects in all schools.
2. That controversial issues such as labor-management relations should be dealt with from junior high school grades upward, with the objective of giving the students the maximum of enlightenment on both sides of such subjects.
3. The problem of racial prejudice should be dealt with in the school room.

The discussion group also expressed the opinion that ignorance of past history is largely responsible for racial prejudice which exists at present; that there is a need for a stronger approach to vital issues, and that there is too much theory and too little "fact" taught in the schools.

Judging financially, Canadians do not consider education of very high importance, since annual teachers' salaries run from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$5,000.

The Shell Touring Service of San Francisco, which gets out tour booklets for motorists and other travellers has been brought up to date on local information by E. T. Applewhite, secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce. The latest booklet of this service had shown New Hazelton as the end of the central interior highway. Mr. Applewhite has advised the service that the road now comes through to Prince Rupert. He has also sent a local booklet and other informative material from here.

MINING TRAILS NEEDING REPAIR

Meziadin Lake Glacier Creek, North Fork of Bitter Creek, Mar- moq River and Woodbine trails in the Portland Canal district have been drawn to the attention of Hon. R. C. MacDonald, minister of mines at Victoria, as trails in mining areas of this district which are in a bad shape due to the lack of maintenance and in need of repairs. The minister had requested to be supplied with information as to such trails in view of the fact that more substantial departmental funds for trail work to deserving properties in process of development have become available.

SMITHERS IS INTERESTED

Feeling that the prosperity of the port of Prince Rupert is of vital importance to the central interior district, the Smithers and District Board of Trade has offered its support to the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce for any representations that interested parties in Prince Rupert may be making to the government. "We feel," says a communication from the Smithers board "that, by establishing a regular shipping route through Prince Rupert, an export market might be found for the products of this area, namely coal and timber."

The secretary of the Prince Rupert Chamber has written to the Smithers Board expressing appreciation of its interest and promising to keep it informed on all developments.

WOULD HAVE ROAD CONFAB

Suggested That District Engineer be Called in For Discussion With Chamber

Expressing dissatisfaction with the condition of the Prince Rupert Highway west of Exstew and the lack of attention which it was receiving in the way of maintenance, J. E. Boddie, reporting for the highway committee at the meeting of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce Monday night, suggested that the district engineer, J. C. Brady, be asked to meet the Chamber and have a frank talk on the road situation.

The highway committee had nothing further to report on the matter of settlement of the status of the portion of the road which traverses Canadian National Railways right-of-way, which settlement Hon. E. C. Carson, minister of public works, suggested on a recent visit here might soon be reached. Meantime, full responsibility for the maintenance of the road is not being assumed by the provincial public works department.

The latest word from the minister regarding the road right of way, at present under control of the Canadian National Railways, was that it was the subject of negotiation at the present time and it was expected that a satisfactory settlement would be reached shortly after which the highway would be included in the provincial highway system and would, therefore, become a provincial responsibility. In the meantime, the road has not been taken over by the province and only urgent repair works are being carried out.

What Is DEMOCRACY?

MOST OF US HERE TODAY have always lived in a free country. Up to 1939, we little realized—and even now some do not realize—that our democratic way of life could be threatened. Our boys fought and died to preserve for us the life to which we have grown so accustomed. Let us not think that with fighting over in Europe democracy is safe. Far from it. We must fight, fight hard and continuously or we will lose it.

What is Democracy? Democracy cannot be easily defined. It means so much. It has given us the best kind of life. What it does mean: the protection of the rights of the individual as set forth in the following creed:

The rights of the individual to work and the right to private property.

The right of workers to band together and to act together within the limits of the public welfare to secure a just return for their labor.

The inalienable rights of individuals to say what they think in private and in public—which is freedom of speech and of assembly; the right to publish opinions—which is freedom of the press; the right to demand an accounting from representatives in government and representatives in labor—which is freedom of petition. The right to worship God, according to your conscience—which is freedom of religion.

The rights of liberty—that every man may exercise his God-given rights as he freely chooses to exercise them, limited only by the equal rights of every one of his fellow men.

All of these rights, we have enjoyed in this Canada of ours; all of these rights we would have lost, had the war ended differently. But possibly we have taken these rights too much for granted. We may lose them so gradually that we hardly realize unless we fight and fight hard for them.

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UNITED STATES SELECTION

ITS DECLINE, speeded by the complete ineptitude and tactlessness of the chief executive himself and an uninspired and colorless administration, the expected happened in yesterday's off-year general elections in the United States and the Democratic party, in power for fifteen years since the great days of Franklin D. Roosevelt's rise, are out of legislative control it is apparent. What was started yesterday will doubtless be completed in the presidential election two years hence when it is safe to assume that the Republicans will take the administrative as well as the legislative reins. Meantime, of course, it will be hard driving and, at an unfortunate time, too, when it would have been so desirable to have courageous and strongly-mandated government instead of stalemate. Unfortunately, under the weakness of the Constitution, this is the situation which must be faced. Possibly, however, the legislative opposition may be a spur to reasonable administration. Certainly, the Democratic party, in its dying hours, may be expected to struggle to redeem the ground that it has lost since Roosevelt died.

The world was greatly interested in this election because foreign and economic policy of the United States has such a great bearing on world affairs now that the nation has abandoned any vestige of isolation as it was once known. Under the Truman administration, there have been economic trends in the United States that have been very disturbing and have made themselves felt in the rest of the world, especially Canada. Fortunately, there is no prospect of any change in foreign policy, no matter what happens in elections, and, more fortunately, the one outstanding member of the Truman administration, James Byrnes, has the guiding of foreign policy. It is to be hoped his position will not be made untenable

in these critical days due to the political situation at home.

With no Roosevelt and no Wilkie on the scene now, presidential prospects, in the light of yesterday's election, are naturally a matter of keen speculation. With the almost certain prospect of a Republican for the next chief executive, attention focusses on such figures as Bricker of Ohio and Vandenberg of Michigan, who had thumping senatorial victories yesterday, and on Thomas Dewey, who received strong endorsement in the New York gubernatorial race.

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FOOD IS VITAL

NAPOLEON is credited with having said that "an army marches on its belly." The truth of this assertion has always been recognized. Food is just as absolutely essential to the fighting efficiency of modern armies, navies and air forces as oil, gasoline, trucks, tanks, planes, ships, guns, ammunition, shoes, other clothing, and medical supplies and services are.

A new emphasis on food has developed since the outbreak of World War II. Not only is food essential in winning a war but more and more the nations of the world are learning that the surest means of attaining world peace is to remove and prevent want, starvation and malnutrition.

Herbert Hoover epitomized the truth of this in graphic language: "The first voice of war is guns but the final voice in making peace is food."

President Roosevelt in his "Four Freedoms" and the provisions of the Atlantic Charter envisages positive national and international action to this end.

Such is the new concept of food and its importance in the whole world economy and its fundamental position as a factor in maintaining world peace.

SENIOR CHAMBER INSPIRES JUNIOR

Enthusiasm and vigor which now characterizes meetings of the Prince Rupert Chamber of Commerce was commented upon by Lloyd Morris, president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, at Monday night's meeting of the

senior chamber. It was something that might inspire the Junior Chamber in its deliberations. Mr. Morris was assured that every endeavour would be made to have the senior chamber represented at the monthly meetings of the junior chamber.

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